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Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

I refer to our letter dated September 17, 2018, regarding the release of certain Department of State ("Department") records under of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has reviewed over 300 potentially responsive pages, and retrieved three documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that all three may be released in full. All released material is enclosed.

The processing of your request remains ongoing. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant U.S. Attorney April Denise Seabrook, at <u>April Seabrook@usdoj.gov</u> or (202) 252-2525. Please refer to Civil Action Number 18-0464 and FOIA case number F-2017-15758 in all correspondence regarding this case.

Sincerely,

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# UNFPA Shows Weakness in Protests Against Trump

Dear Colleague,

Donald Trump sure caused a stir at
UN headquarters right before the just
concluded UN Commission on
Population and Development when he
announced defunding of the
aggressive pro-abortion agency
UNFPA, that boasts a billion-dollar
budget. Dr. Susan Yoshihara reports
their response shows a raft of
weaknesses.

The World Health Organization has announced new guidance for the use of a nasty injectable contraceptive called Depo Provera. Even though it present substantial health risks, they still urge African women to use it! Dr. Rebecca Oas reports.

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# Protest to Trump's Defunding UNFPA Reveals Poor Results, Lackluster Support

By Susan Yoshihara, Ph D.

NEW YORK, April 14 (C-Fam)
President Donald J. Trump cut U.S.
funding to the UN Population Fund last
week, and protests from Democrats,
abortion groups, and UNFPA revealed
UNFPA's dogged determination to
partner with abortion groups,
lackluster results in improving
maternal health, and alienation of
constituents due to controversial
promotion of sexual rights. Read

We are in need of funding to meet a \$44,000 budget shortfall. Can you help us right now?

Spread the word. Be brave.

Yours sincerely,



Austin Ruse President

PS It is an honor that so many on the radical left comb through our weekly Friday Fax. I say WELCOME! more >>



# WHO Still Pushing Dangerous Contraceptive on African Women at Risk

By Rebecca Oas, Ph.D.

WASHINGTON, April 14 (C-Fam) The World Health Organization is urging women to use a contraceptive known to increase the risk of HIV. The WHO's long-awaited guidance for use of Depo Provera admits what growing evidence has supported: a link between increased HIV risk and use of the injectable contraceptive. Yet the agency asserts that Depo remains a viable option for "women at high risk of acquiring HIV" because "the advantages of these methods generally outweigh the possible increased risk of HIV acquisition."

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Head of UN Population Fund Denies U.S. Epidemic of Sexually Transmitted Diseases

While the withdrawal of U.S. assistance for the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) was ostensibly about the

agency's financial contributions to coercive Chinese family planning agencies, the Trump administration might have justifiably been worried about the direction the Agency has taken under the leadership of Babtunde Osotimehin. Read more >>

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Subject: Trump Could Cut Global Gender Office Exempt from Mexico City Policy Protection

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# Trump Could Cut Global Gender Office Exempt From

# **Mexico City Policy Protection**

Dear Colleague,

President Trump's proposed budget' seeks a 28 percent reduction within the State Department. Secretary Tillerson will oversee the foreign aid overhaul which will require better efficiency in the allocation of U.S. dollars for development assistance. Hopefully this restores a balanced global health program for those most in need and the elimination of all funding to international abortion groups which was institutionalized under the Obama administration.

In our second article Susan Yoshihara covers a recent UNICEF report that

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# Trump Budget to Cut Gender Office that Falls Outside Mexico City Policy Protection

By Lisa Correnti

WASHINGTON DC, April 28 (C-Fam)
The Trump administration's budget will
reportedly put on the chopping block a
controversial gender rights office
created by the Obama
administration. Read more >>

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**UNICEF Position on Babies** 

acknowledges many of the kidnapped girls being released by terrorists are pregnant. Helping these girls with reentry is crucial but the UN agency responsible for assisting vulnerable children must also recognize that these young mothers need recognition and services for the children they have and will bear as well.

We thank you for your continued partnership. We can't do it without you!

Kind regards,

Lisa Correnti

Executive Vice President

## Born of War Rape Still Unclear

By Susan Yoshihara, Ph.D.

NEW YORK, April 28 (C-Fam) The UN Children's Fund recently acknowledged that many of the girls returning from captivity by terrorists are pregnant, but stopped short of treating the maternity of the girls, or the children they bear, as a separate area of concern for the agency. Read more >>

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## **Epidemic? Says WHO?**

Earlier this week, the World Health
Organization (WHO) hosted a webinar
to discuss its updated guidance on
Depo Provera, issued in response to
reports suggesting its users may be at
increased risk for acquiring HIV. As we
reported in the Friday Fax, WHO
called for women to be given
counselling, but continued to
encourage the use of Depo among
women at high risk of HIV on the
grounds that the downsides were
outweighed by the benefits. These
benefits are presumably limited to the
avoidance of pregnancy. Read more

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#### **INFORMATION**

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF SECRETARY AND CABINET SECRETARY

**RELEASE IN FULL** 

FROM:

Margaret Peterlin, Chief of Staff

SUBJECT:

State Department Weekly Update for the Week of 5/1/2017

#### 1. State Department 30-Day Policy Look Ahead

#### Mexico City. Policy Implementation Rollout

#### o Description:

On January 23, 2017, President Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum to reinstate the 2001 Presidential Memorandum on the "Mexico City Policy" and ordered the extension of the "Mexico City Policy" to apply to "global health assistance furnished by all departments or agencies."

Department of State re-implemented the 2001 presidential memo earlier this year and will now implement the extension of Mexico City Policy to all global health assistance, with coordination between USAID, HHS and DOD.

- o Anticipated date of action: May 4th (Tentative)
- O Process: Following the Secretary's signature on an action memo, the State Department will announce the implementation over a series of notification phone calls. The first calls will be to congressional stakeholders immediately followed by NGO stakeholders and finally to the media. These calls will cover background, content and process moving forward. All communications plans have been coordinated with White House communications.
- POC: Matt Mowers

#### Listening Session and Reorganization

#### Description:

The State Department is beginning a department wide survey of all employees to begin the reorganization process.

The results of the survey and interviews will help identify areas in need of restructuring in order to increase efficiency as part of the department's efforts called for under E.O. 13781.

Anticipated Date of Action: May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### o Process:

The State Department is releasing a survey and asking that all of the workforce, including employed family members, locally-engaged staff, and certain contractors participate. The results of the survey will be compiled and a final report will be generated shortly thereafter.

In addition to the survey, approximately 300 individuals from both the Department and USAID in the United States and abroad will be interviewed. To ensure the integrity of this process, Department and USAID personnel administrators have randomly identified individuals who fit a representative cross-section of our workforce.

o POC: Bill Inglee

#### Signing of the Arctic Science Agreement

#### o Description:

Secretary Tillerson, as Chair of the Arctic Council, will sign the Artic Science Agreement that sets the parameters for scientific cooperation among eight Arctic nations.

- o Anticipated Date of Action: May 11th
- o Process:

Public Signing at the Arctic Council Ministerial.

o POC: Christine Ciccone

## 2. Key Events for Upcoming 30-Days

#### Listen, Learn, Lead Speech

- o May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Secretary Tillerson will deliver remarks to State Department colleagues that will frame foreign policy goals and how he will engage the Department in implementing it around the globe.
- o POC: RC Hammond

#### Foreign Affairs Day Public Q & A

- o May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Secretary Tillerson will participate in a moderated discussion with questions asked by Mr. Francisco Palmieri, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs and Ms. Susan A. Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Secretary Tillerson will then deliver remarks at the American Foreign Service Association Memorial Plaque Dedication Ceremony.
- o POC: RC Hammond

#### · Arctic Council Meeting

- o May 10th May 11th
- O Secretary Tillerson is chairing the Arctic Council Meeting in Fairbanks, AK. The Arctic Council is the leading intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, Arctic indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues, in particular on issues of sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic.
- o POC: Christine Ciccone

#### Congressional Testimony on the Budget

- o TBD
- Secretary Tillerson will testify before Congressional Committees on Capitol Hill regarding the FY '18 Budget Request.
- o POC: Mary Waters

### Travel with the President to NATO leaders meeting, Brussels, Israel and Saudi Arabia (exact travel is TBD)

- o May 24th
- Secretary Tillerson will travel with President Trump to the NATO Leaders Meeting, G-7 Meeting, Israel and Saudi Arabia.
- o POC: Margaret Peterlin

#### Travel to Australia and New Zealand

- o Early June
- o Secretary Tillerson will travel to Australia and New Zealand.
- o POC: Margaret Peterlin